

CADET MEMBERSHIP

Reference: Chapter 2, CAP Manual 39-2

1. **CADET APPLICATION PROCEDURES:** The application checklist GP 12 FL 102 that has been provided in the Commanders Packet II will aid with the in-processing of the new cadet. With this being a new member in Civil Air Patrol, it is suggested the **Personnel Officer** go over each item on the application checklist, so as to get the new member off to a good start.

2. **INITIAL CADET MEMBERSHIP:** All applicants for cadet membership must meet the following prerequisites:

- a. Twelve years old (or attending 6th grade) through 18 years old.
- b. Enrolled in or graduated from a public or private school or college with a satisfactory record of academic achievement.
- c. Not married.
- d. Not a member of the active duty Armed Forces.
- e. United State Citizen or alien lawfully admitted to residence in the United States.
- f. Good Moral character.

3. **CADET APPLICATION PROCESSING:** The unit commander can check the National CAP site (www.cap.af.mil) to see if the cadet's application has been processed.

4. **MEMBERSHIP CARD:** Follow the same procedures as outlined in paragraph 4 of **SENIOR MEMBERSHIP**.

5. **IF AN INDIVIDUAL NEEDS A MEMBERSHIP CARD:** Follow the same procedures as outlined in paragraph 5 of **SENIOR MEMBERSHIP**.

6. **MEMBERSHIP RENEWALS:** Follow the same procedures as outlined in paragraph 7 of **SENIOR MEMBERSHIP**.

7. **CHANGE OF ADDRESS:** Follow the same procedures as outlined in paragraph 8 of **SENIOR MEMBERSHIP**.

8. **CADET PROGRAM BENEFITS:** The CAP Cadet Program provides the cadet the opportunity to develop leadership skills through the individuals love of aviation. Parents credit the cadet program for communicating to their children the important role that personal integrity, self-discipline and trust play in their personal and professional success. The cadet will progress through 16-step program with exciting aviation and aerospace activities on both a local and national level.

9. **NATIONAL ACTIVITIES:** In addition to a wide range of local activities, the cadet will have the opportunity to qualify for special national activities such as travel to encampments which focus on a variety of aviation, aerospace, search and rescue, and pararescue courses. One of the many highlights of the cadet career will be earning the honor at attending one of CAP's leadership development schools. The Cadet Leadership School, Cadet Officers School and International Air Exchange foster America's future leaders. The highest and most prestigious honor for the cadet is selection onto a national cadet competition team.

10. EDUCATION/PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT: Cadets compete annually for special CAP admission into the U.S. Air Force Academy preparatory school. Military officer mentoring and guidance helps to inspire and encourage cadets who are interested in aviation industry or military careers. As a CAP cadet they can compete for scholarships to help further their education. CAP is proud to report that 10% of U.S. Air Force Academy appointees are former CAP cadets. Additionally, both West Point and the U.S. Naval Academy admit CAP cadets each year.

11. CADET PERSONNEL RECORDS: The cadet personnel record consists of training records (CAP Form 66, Cadet Master Record, prescribed by CAP Manual 52-16). **A copy of the initial application form (CAP Form 15, Application for Cadet Membership in Civil Air Patrol), is maintained as the first copy in the personnel record. Other CAP forms that will be made part of the Cadet record are:**

- a. CAP Form 50 (Cadet Progress Evaluation).
- b. CAP Form 59-1 (Phase I and II Certification).
- c. CAP Form 59-2 (Phase III Certification).
- d. CAP Form 59-3 (Phase IV Certification).
- e. CAP Form 66a (Cadet Physical Fitness Test Scorecard).

12. Any additional information pertaining to the cadet's service and performance should be made a part of the personnel record.

13. Upon acceptance of the new cadet member the CAP Bookstore will send Phase I and Phase II study material packet and CAP Form 59-1, Phase I and II certification. This form will be placed in the Cadet's personnel records until completion. On completion of each phase, be sure to make a copy for the Cadet's personnel record before sending the original to National Headquarters. This form shows the progression of the cadet and if the CAP Form 59-1 should become lost there will be a copy to send forward. Always make copies for the records and files, no matter what it pertains to. This way you will never be wrong. Files copies don't take up that much space, and it save a lot of trouble trying to reconstruct a file copy.

14. Always check the reference directive for detailed information on Cadet Membership.